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EDITORIALS

THE OLATHE MEETING OF SYNOD: FEATURES OF INTEREST

I—NEW POLICY OF THE CHINA MISSION.

Synod gave its formal approval to the new policy which the China Mission proposes to inaugurate next March. This aroused deep interest. It was felt that this step marked a crisis in the history of the Mission. It will be a testing time for both our missionaries and Chinese brethren. After the feeding of the five thousand Jesus returned to Capernaum, where He spake the discourse on the Bread of Life. With ruthless hand He crushed all the high blown political expectations of the people and had the heart-breaking experience of seeing the multitudes melt away, and even the trusted Twelve seemed to falter. Must not this experience of the Master be paralleled in the experience of His disciples? May it not be that this will be the experience of our missionaries in South China? Nothing but grace and the plentiful endowment with the Holy Spirit will enable them to pass successfully through this transition period. They will need to be sustained by our loving sympathy, interest and prayers.

II—POSSIBILITIES SUGGESTED.

A recommendation, which was brought in by the Committee on Foreign Missions, was stricken out as being outside the scope of work for which the Committee was appointed. It was not therefore considered on its merits and it has possibilities worthy of more careful consideration. The recommendation had reference to the

uniting under one board of both Home and Foreign Missions. An item of unfinished business, viz., the question of the appointment of a paid Secretary who would give his whole time to the work of the administration of our Foreign Missions, was referred to this committee. This work has grown to such proportions as to make it impossible for the pastor of a city congregation to carry the double burden without a break-down of health or a failure to do justice to his congregation. Yet to have a paid Secretary for Foreign Missions alone might seem to many that the Foreign Missions side of the church's work would be thus unduly stressed and pushed at the expense of other departments. It cannot be denied that such might be the result, for it is inconceivable that a Secretary employed for his whole time would be content to sit still and not push his work. That danger would be completely obviated by combining all the missions of the Church under one board. The department of Missions would thus command the full time and all the energy of a live executive. Naturally he would have to cultivate the home church for recruits for the various mission stations in order to keep the ranks filled. In our judgment this would make for increased efficiency in every mission station at home and abroad and for a more economical administration of the work of the church.

Still the recommendation cannot be considered on its merits looked at out of relation to the work of the church

as a whole. The proposition ultimately would look forward to a re-grouping of the work of the whole church under three boards at least into three departments, viz: Missions, Benevolences, and Education. The first would include the Levant, China, Southern, Indian, Jewish, and the mission in Pittsburgh. The second would include Sustentation and Church Erection, Ministerial Relief, Students' Aid, Widows and Orphans and Aged Peoples' Home. The third would take in Geneva College, Theological Seminary and the propaganda of the Witness and Temperance Committees. One Board for each department would do away with overlapping and rivalry between boards. It would then be possible to approximate in some degree a scientific budget which would replace the haphazard system which now prevails. There may be sentimental difficulties and perhaps even legal ones in the way, but if this represents a forward step these mountains will become a plain.

III—GENEVA COLLEGE.

The recruits for the mission stations come in large measure from our church college and naturally we are interested in the welfare and the future of Geneva. With a debt of \$100,000 and a deficit in current expense of something like \$90,000, and an endowment of half a million required to place Geneva among the accredited colleges it would seem that the future of Geneva hangs in the balance. It is true that Synod voted \$20,000 from the current Synodical budget and authorized the Board of Trustees to put on a campaign to raise the endowment to half a million, and to secure enough money to wipe out the debt and current deficit. It was thought by many that the church could with difficulty raise the Synodical budget voted, how then can several hundred thousand dollars in addition be raised? It is easy to authorize such a campaign but who is to carry it through? Why should a committee

be burdened with a super-human task like that? It is a task that will break the health of hard-working pastors and business men. Did Synod really grapple with this question and find a solution? The first and most imperative need for Geneva is to be placed on the list of accredited colleges. Should not Synod have guaranteed an annual income to Geneva of at least \$15,000 for a ten-year period which would be equivalent to the income of an endowment of \$300,000. With the proper guarantees to the Board of Corporators help might then have been secured from the Rockefeller Foundation. The campaign for raising the debt and deficit and securing permanent endowment could then have been put on a five-year basis with greater hope of complete success. Even then the onus for the success of such a campaign should not be placed on the shoulders of overworked members of the Board of Trustees. Should not Synod have authorized the Synodical treasurer to secure a suite of rooms for his office and adequate clerical help which would set him free from mechanical work and allow him to give his brains and undoubted ability to the solution of this problem? This is a question which rightly should engage the thought and the energies of Synod's treasurer. Do not impose upon willing workers a burden too heavy to be borne. Put it on the shoulders of one adequate to the task. Then, and then alone it may be expected that the friends of Geneva will co-operate heartily, and once again mountains will be removed.

IV—THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

It would seem that in the history of the Theological Seminary as well a crisis has been reached. Synod authorized the sale of the old building and the purchase of a new one. Where? Our suggestions may appear chimerical but even chimerical suggestions may lead to something practical and worth while in the end. Too long have we been governed by mere

tradition. A spirit of adventure should be shown by the Covenanter Church. New methods should be tried if for nothing else than the spirit of adventure. The suggestion was made on the floor of Synod that to every theological seminary something in the nature of a theological clinic should be attached. In short students should be trained in practical methods and work by actually carrying on such work under the direction and supervision of the professors. Suppose the seminary were located within the bounds of a pastorless non-self-supporting congregation and with the consent and co-operation of the congregation the Professors and students do the preaching and pastoral work. Suppose further that a mission hall be opened in some needy section of the city and meetings carried on every night in the week by the students and professors either singly or in groups of two. Suppose further it were noised abroad that souls were being won to the Christ would not our young people hear the sound of the going in the tops of the mulberry trees and gird up their loins for the great conquest? No need then to talk about money. From the East and from the West they would come to such a school of the prophets. Our mission fields and vacant congregations would not then call in vain for workers to fill the depleted ranks. Is it after all chimerical?

OBITUARY

MRS. MARTIN.

Mrs. Rosanna J. Martin, wife of George Martin and daughter of William and Mary Wilson Douthett, died January 18, 1922. She was a life-long member of the Covenanter Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin were married by Rev. John Galbraith, at his home, on June 11, 1872.

Mrs. Martin was a charter member of the Slippery Rock Missionary Society, and a life member of the Pittsburgh Women's Presbyterial. She was also a charter member of the

W. C. T. U. of Slippery Rock Township.

For the last few years she had been an invalid, but kept her interest in all the work of the church, especially in the Mission work, both at home and abroad. One of her last acts before her final sickness was to give her annual contribution to Mr. Carithers' salary, although it was not due for some time. She longed to depart and be at rest. "He giveth His beloved sleep."

MRS. BOGGS.

Mrs. Mary Boggs, widow of John Boggs, died March 26, 1922. Mrs. Boggs was born near Rose Point, the daughter of Sarah and Peter Young. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs were married January 1, 1867, by Rev. J. C. Smith, then pastor of the Slippery Rock congregation.

Mrs. Boggs was a faithful and devoted member of the Slippery Rock Church. A few days before her death, when she was hardly able, she walked over a mile to the missionary meeting. All who knew her loved her and though gone her life still speaketh.

MINUTE OF THE ORLANDO SESSION

With deep sorrow we record the death of Dr. W. M. Moore. He was a charter member of the Orlando Congregation, and of the Session. His counsel was wise, his teaching enlightening, his companionship inspiring. He was energetic and generous in every good work. His life was consecrated to the Master's service whether in foreign field or in the homeland, whether in the church, the office, or the home. He was skilled alike in his ministry to the bodies and the souls of men. While we mourn his loss, we rejoice in his faith, and in the reward to which he has been called.

W. J. MCBURNEY,
Moderator.

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A MAN GREATLY BELOVED

BY THE EDITOR.

No finer Christian or more devoted servant of the Master has been known among us than our brother, William G. Carson, who passed away on the second day of June. The face which stands out on this page is that of a man in whom mingled strength, high intellectuality, kindness, courage, and a lofty purity of mind and heart. He was a man of rare qualities. In any company of men he would be singled out and noted because of his erect carriage, deep, strong voice, fine face, and almost courtly manner. Yet those who knew him best loved him the most, for all that his first appearance promised, and more, was borne out by an intimate acquaintance with him. He was pre-eminently genuine. No word he spoke ever exceeded the thought of his mind or the faith or affection of his heart. What he

said was weighty because of the man he was and the life he lived. We who knew him well thought our acquaintance one of the privileges of life and his friendship one of the great good fortunes we possessed.

Mr. Carson had been an elder in the First Church of Philadelphia for many years. His term of service ran back far into the pastorate of Dr. Stevenson. The two were great and life-long friends; and they belonged together. In the vision of a great mind, the assurance of a strong faith, and the devotion of a great heart, Dr.

Stevenson was unexcelled by any and approached by but a very few; and Mr. Carson was such a man as he. Dr. Stevenson in the pulpit and Mr. Carson as the leader of the congregation was a partnership such as is seldom seen in any congregation. For years he served as the clerk of the session. He visited the sick and sorrowing almost as a pastor, and he led the congregation in every forward enterprise. His remarks were a feature of the prayer meetings, and they were always fresh and interesting, and always they were spiritual to a high degree. He walked in close companionship with God.



For many years, also, Mr. Carson served on the Foreign Mission Board. There his deep interest in the work, his warm friendship for the missionaries, his sound judgment in matters of counsel, his generous support of the enterprise, and his careful attention to the meetings of the Board made him an invaluable member. The whole foreign mission cause was very close to his heart. On the Jewish Mission Board he was also an active leader. No labor was too great, nor any duty too small, to receive his best attention. For years he was one of the few whose concern for the work made it possible for it to be carried on. He loved little children, and the Sabbath School at the Mission always held his interest.

A very peculiar and trying experience came to Mr. Carson in the closing years of his life. Occasioned partly, perhaps, by the death of his daughter, who had just developed into fine young womanhood, and made more severe by the fact of a life of careful attention to business without rest or intermission, an unwonted heaviness of spirit settled down upon him. His genial smile was gone, the great good courage of his heart had faded, he regretted mistakes which he imagined he had made, and he who had been like "the shadow of a great rock" to so many looked forward to the future with apprehension. His doctors said it was worn-out nerves that spoke when he expressed his anxieties and troubles, but still his friends were distressed that he should come to such a mood and were puzzled about it. Many of them throughout the church knew of this and were accustomed to ask for him and pray for his better comfort; and that is why it is mentioned here.

"In the eveningtime it shall be light," said the ancient prophet, and many times that has been experienced in the lives of God's people. Mr. Carson passed away *not* in the shadow of distress, but in the *brightness of a great light*. Three weeks before his death we spent a Sabbath evening together. The old ring was back in his voice, the old sparkle in his eye, the old heartiness in his handshake, the old confidence in the goodness of God and the promises of the future in his conversation. When he left my home that evening as I stood on the step in the dark I was conscious of tears filling my eyes just in the fullness of emotion that my great friend was himself again. I thanked God for it.

The most complete evidence of his recovery of his spirit of untroubled faith and good cheer came, however, at the very close of his life. Mr. Carson died on Friday morning. On Thursday night he had retired just wearied enough to fall into an un-

sually restful sleep. At 3 o'clock he awakened. From that time until morning he lay awake. When he arose in the morning and was asked how he had spent the remainder of the night he said: "I have not been so happy in ten years; I feel well; all my distress has left me; *I have been in heaven.*" Now this is more remarkable because he did not think the end was near; no one suspected it; he was making plans for business; his physician looked for his recovery, thought, indeed, he was almost well enough to take up his work; and in a few hours—no one knows just how—the Lord came and took him to himself.

To those who knew him well, and who in sympathy suffered with him in his distress, this seemed almost the most beautiful thing in his remarkable life. It seemed that, as Job, the Lord needed to afflict him—for no life can be perfect without suffering—and so he had walked through the deep waters of affliction; but when that was done the Lord had finished his perfect work, and nothing remained but to let the sun shine out of the darkness, and then take him to Himself.

Altogether his life was such a life as God means men to live in this world. He knew joy and sorrow, prosperity and adversity, victory and defeat, and in it all he walked hand in hand with Jesus Christ. Life in this world had done all that it could do for him, and so God took him to the life beyond. Seldom does this world offer a finer soul to heaven. There he has gone: "God accept him; Christ receive him."

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WILLIAM G. CARSON

A Man With a Genius for Friendship.

By FINDLEY M. WILSON, D. D.

The Editor of OLIVE TREES has asked me to express in a few words my appreciation of Mr. Carson. One who has been privileged to be associated with William G. Carson in the

work of Christ cannot feel content to let wholly pass an opportunity to bear testimony to his worth, service and character. I gladly comply and give a few words, as best I may, in tribute to this dear personal friend, who was one of God's nobleman.

Mr. Carson was one of the few outstanding laymen of the Covenanter Church. He was born and raised in the First Church of Philadelphia, and for years has been an elder and beloved leader of these people. His goodness and sweetness of soul, his geniality and winsomeness of manner, his kindness and graciousness of spirit were all of such proportions that one refrains from the effort adequately to state them, lest there should be seeming exaggeration. Mr. Carson's gifts made certain his being summoned by the Church into varied activities. In Presbytery and Synod his views and counsels were highly esteemed. He was deeply interested in the Jewish and Foreign Missions, being for years a member of these Boards, and giving freely of his time and strength to their work. As transportation agent of the Foreign Board he was ever alert and efficient. That the missionaries should have all reasonable comfort, convenience and courtesy in their traveling and service was his constant care.

We who were associated with him in these ministries were much saddened by the illness which overtook him in the few years just past, and his absence was a distinct loss; but we greatly rejoiced with him when the shadows lifted from his path in the closing weeks of his life to allow the very happiness of heaven to become his portion and the light of the great white throne, his joy.

William G. Carson was a man of great faith, of lofty ideals, of deep devotion. His memory is sweet and fragrant. He lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

"The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

"None knew thee but to love thee,
Nor named thee but to praise."

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Send all orders to Findley M. Wilson, 2410 North Marshall street, Philadelphia. Cash must accompany the order.

If we walk with Enoch, preach with Noah, pray with Abraham, and weep with Christ, shall we not see souls saved?

(Continued from June issue.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS TO THE SYNOD OF 1922

The Medical.

Dr. McBurney spent the year in the Tak Hing district, overseeing the hospital, itinerating throughout the district, giving health studies, both at the hospital and in the surrounding territory, and all the while doing the work of an evangelist. Owing to the prevalence of eye trouble, in so many cases leading to blindness, Dr. McBurney began giving special attention to the treatment of the eye and the fitting of glasses. This has greatly interested the people and more widely opened the door to the gospel. She has also co-operated with a Chinese woman, Dr. Wong (whom Miss Robinson taught the care of babies) in maintaining a nursery for cast-away babies. In the Woman's School Dr. McBurney gave special instruction in hygiene and the care of children.

At *Lo Ting* Dr. M. Edna Wallace, until Dr. Dickson's return, the first part of November, had charge of the hospital. On his return Dr. Dickson took over the men's department. He reports: "I found the work of the hospital in fine shape. Dr. Wallace has not only done magnificently in looking after the ailments of a constantly increasing number of patients but has made a number of improvements in equipment, etc., that make the hospital a better institution than when I left it to go on a furlough." Much commendation is due Dr. Wallace for her courage and resourcefulness. During the year the number of out-patients increased from 2702 to 3087; the in-patients (hardest of all to secure) from 93 to 108; the new patients from 766 to 1382; and the daily average of in-patients from five to nine. She held 247 clinics as against 261 the last year, and slightly increased the out calls. Lepers, beggar children and cast-away babies are still cared for. Evangelism is kept con-

stantly to the fore. Daily messages are given to the waiting dispensary patients. An attempt is made to reach every patient with the gospel in some form, a Testament, a portion or a gospel tract. Some are led to accept and witness for Christ. Others, stricken with fatal diseases, have definitely accepted Christ before they died. One church member died in the hospital, and one of the hospital helpers joined the church. With Dr. Dickson and Dr. Wallace both at work, it is planned to strengthen the separate departments for men and women, and put forth special efforts to train women helpers.

Dr. Wright and Miss Smith are in the Canton Christian College. The latter is in charge of the nurses' training, while Dr. Wright is laboring under the prodigious burdens of his departments. Evangelism is made to penetrate the very life of the hospital. Every day's work begins with a prayer meeting for doctors and nurses, and a little later chapel service for patients and workers. The average attendance at these meetings is 90. Two evangelists give their whole time to the patients and 183 professed Christ during the year. Mrs. Wright has a Sabbath School with an attendance of about 90. The out-patients number 10,000; the in-patients 2650 and receipts amounted to \$100,000. Dr. Wright had entire charge of six medical students from three medical colleges who came for intern training and to attend clinics and lectures. Time forbids an effort even to recite the work entrusted to Dr. Wright. With only this word we must be content: Under twelve different heads the work outlined for him looks equal to the strength of two or three men. Our medical work in China—at Tak Hing, in *Lo Ting*, and in Canton—is a great enterprise. May the Lord

use it mightily for saving souls and laying the foundations of the Kingdom of Christ in China.

The Educational Department.

Tak Hing. The Rev. Julius A. Kempf continues in charge of the boys' school, and is moderator of the session. Ninety boys were in attendance, forty-eight of whom are boarders. Some of them came from long distances, as much as 20, 30, 40 and even 80 miles, thus showing the extent of territory from which the pupils are drawn. A Sabbath School of 67 was conducted every Sabbath morning and an evening meeting each Sabbath with heart-to-heart talks on Bible subjects. At the final meeting in response to a direct appeal by Mr. Kempf 28 of the 43 boys indicated that they had decided in their hearts to live according to the teachings of Jesus, and 24 that they had accepted Him as Saviour and Lord of their lives.

Miss Huston has taught singing and Mrs. Kempf has given eleven hours per week all year to the industrial department and teaching of English.

In the *Women's Schools* Miss Mary R. Adams has done a vast amount of work and finds the women gradually coming to a higher appreciation of education and the gospel. From all parts of the Tak Hing district women come singly or in groups of two or three. These all are getting the light to carry back to their stations: one woman will return the sole light bearer to 53,000 women, to women to a district containing 200,000 of their sisters; or once, again, but one woman to a district of 100,000 women. The task of evangelizing these thousands upon thousands depends, under God, on their Christian sisters. "Women members of the church able to read the Bible and love the Word of God is a goal we have before us. How can Christian women who cannot read the Scriptures learn to live Christ in their homes and among their neighbors?

Mothers reading the Bible stories to their own families would be a wonderful testimony for the truth."

Miss Rose A. Huston reports on *Educational Work for Girls* in the Tak Hing district. There were five schools; a boarding school in the Tak Hing mission compound, a day school in Tak Hing city, and three in country villages. The boarding school had the highest attendance in its history and in all the schools there were 114 girls receiving Christian instruction, besides six others who studied part time under one of the preacher's wives. Miss Adams helped in supervising the schools in the surrounding districts. Mother's meetings were held, the children giving programs on health and hygiene. Lectures were given on the same subject illustrated by the stereopticon slides. Miss Huston reports the prospect for education among girls hopeful. Many are beginning to see the advantage of it, and some young men are demanding it in their future wives.

At Do Sing Miss Lillian J. McCracken supervised the schools, with native women working under her. She kept open house to the women of Do Sing, proclaiming the gospel once, twice and sometimes thrice daily to the groups gathering in her home or the chapel. She had charge of the weekly prayer meeting and was superintendent of the Sabbath School. She also gave largely of her efforts to evangelistic tours in company with Miss Brownlee. Miss McCracken's account of these tours is most inspiring.

Coming to Lo Ting, Miss Dean, Miss Stewart and Miss Barr were the teachers, and we have the same encouraging reports, although some sad experiences—one most tragic—came to them the past year. We sadly recall how that devoted and promising Christian teacher, who was long in training under Miss Dean for the kindergarten, was carried captive by bandits to a fate worse than death.

At that time, "Our greatest concern," says Miss Stewart, "was how to meet the heathen when they said: 'Where is thy God?'" Yet we may well continue to quote her words: "Since He Himself answered from above by showing His power to deliver the captive out of the hands of evil men, we rest content until that day when we shall know all things even as we are known." After the experience referred to this poor Chinese woman did not wish to continue in the work. This left them without a Chinese director for the kindergarten. Yet the schools went forward with good success both in Lo Ting and the outlying districts. In connection with the oversight given the school much evangelistic and Bible work has been done, all three of the ladies having engaged somewhat in itinerating in company with native Bible women. Mothers' meetings, Sabbath Schools, meetings in jails, industrial activities and Bible courses have all been given their appropriate places, Mrs. W. M. Robb and Mrs. Dickson and Dr. Wallace ever lending a helping hand. Every report deepens the conviction that evangelism is the paramount aim in all efforts. Indeed, we believe it cannot be too strongly emphasized that in all fields—Cyprus, Asia Minor, Syria and China—our schools are first of all real gospel schools, and the vital spirit and form of the blessed gospel are made to permeate all school activities. Our teachers are operating under the command of the Master, "Go ye—and teach all nations" that they may "observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you." And the results evidence the fulfillment to them of Christ's promise to be with them to the end.

The Industrial Work.

This department, as has been already referred to, relates itself to the other activities. Rev. J. C. Mitchel reports that it takes the form of mat weaving, crocheting, sewing, flower-making, shoemaking and gardening

in the schools for girls and women with tailoring, flower-making, knitting and gardening in the boys' schools. A little attention has been given to sericulture and animal industry. By this method many boys and girls as well as women have been enabled to earn their boarding. The Chinese themselves are beginning to believe that it is much better to provide help through work than without it. This department should be developed and needs the full time of a trained worker.

Ministerial and Direct Evangelistic Work.

We come now to the ministerial and direct evangelistic work. There are now but four ministers in China. They need two more immediately. Miss Nelle A. Brownlee gives her full time to evangelism and Miss McCracken part time. There are four native licentiates and sixteen native evangelists—ten men and six women. With a view of toning up the spiritual life of all the workers a Preachers' Conference for prayer and Bible study was held in Tak Hing during the month of November. And in the annual meetings a large place is given to efforts in the same direction. Yet the report is that in general, "the work cannot be said to have prospered, partly owing to outward conditions" (referring to robbers, insurrections, etc.) "but chiefly to the low state of spiritual life. The hold which Satan has upon the lives of many who are professedly the Lord's followers is little short of appalling. There has been a volume of prayer poured out for cleansing, and the Hearer of prayer has been pleased to reveal some sin, but much remains to be uncovered before power can flow forth in great measure."

Two series of special evangelistic meetings were held in Lo Ting. Many were interested and sixty persons signed study and inquiry cards. And two others were held in a station out from Lo Ting under direction of Miss

Dean. Special meetings there were also in connection with all communions of which nineteen were held in all. Forty adults and seven children were baptized. The entire membership of the church in our China field is now 687, a gain of 28 over a year ago.

The Training School, since the untimely departure of Dr. A. I. Robb for the home land, has been under the direction of Rev. R. C. Adams, who was called in May from Do Sing near the close of last year's term to take charge. Prior to that he had done faithful work in the preaching at Do Sing and in a Bible class of fifty men who had registered as inquirers. There were twelve men in the Training Class, five of whom were graduated last July. The attendance and spiritual atmosphere were the best in the history of the school, which fact is attributed by Mr. Adams to the working of the Holy Spirit through Dr. Robb. He also reports that the graduates were pleased that their diplomas were signed by Dr. Robb prior to his homecoming. The large amount of preaching done by the students in the portion of the year free from class work, as well as by Mr. Adams, should not pass without notice, nor yet the quantities of gospels, portions, Bibles and Christian literature distributed by them in all parts of the vast district.

Into much less space than it deserves must now be compressed an account of Miss Brownlee's and Miss McCracken's *itinerant evangelism among women*. The first paragraph of Miss Brownlee's report is here given: "God has been exceedingly gracious to me this year. Truly I may say in the words of the Psalmist, 'The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places', and whatever may be God's plan for me in the future I shall not cease to rejoice that for one year, at least, I have been permitted this association with Chinese women; an association so close that I think of

them no longer as mere members of the great Chinese race, for to me they have become women with a name, an individuality and an ambition. They are women with burdens, longings and a great unsatisfied need. Our one great theme for this year has been *man's lost condition and His need of the Saviour*, and for these women we plead that there may be established that relationship between them and Christ whereby they may experience a saving joy in Him."

For the first five months of the year the Women's Missionary Society in Tak Hing was used as a rallying place for the women, and there was an average attendance of 58. The work covered the Gospel of John, Book on Simple Doctrine and half of a small questionnaire. The other days of the week were used to visit regularly in formerly visited villages near Tak Hing, and as much itinerating beyond as time would permit. Three extensive tours were made by Miss Brownlee and Miss McCracken, in company with three Chinese sisters. These tours were confined to the river towns and made in their own boat equipped with living and mealing accommodations. Thus their comfort and efficiency were much enhanced. They spent 68 days by boat, held more than 240 meetings, reached 128 villages, located 17 Christians, delivered the gospel message to 8000 people, found but one village closed to the gospel and reached seven market towns. That we may better visualize these tours, let this paragraph, descriptive of the third be quoted from Miss McCracken: "The sixty-eight days, divided into ten, twenty and thirty-eight day periods, that we spent sowing the seed in river towns and in the villages that we found in the flooded valleys and at the end of mountain paths, were a revelation to me; a revelation of the home life, the industry, the hospitality, the loveliness, the superstition, the ignorance, the disease and the existing need of the

people of the territory which it is our responsibility to evangelize. As we talked in homes and school rooms, in stores and in temples, in the village streets, by the wayside, and in the fields, of the one true God and His Son Jesus Christ, our hearts were filled with a longing hitherto unknown, that not only our hearers but the many thousands in the still unreached villages might find and know Him whom to know is life."

An earnest appeal is issued for a young woman to take a place on the teaching staff and a young minister to take a place on the evangelistic staff in Latakia. The need for the former arises from the illness of Miss Shanks and the appointment of Miss Edgar to the position of Bible evangelist among women; of the latter, because the Rev. Samuel Edgar has returned to America. The call from Mersina for a young man to teach in the boys' school should be answered as soon as political conditions shall warrant. For the Larnaca Academy one young man will be required this year; two could be used to advantage. In China there is need for at least two more ministers, a woman evangelist, a woman teacher and a young man to take charge of the industrial department.

The Yunnan field, where Synod authorized our mission to establish a station, will be opened by the Chinese Home Missionary Society.

Since relief has been so much in view a brief statement should be made on this subject. Our people have contributed generously. Considerable sums went to China for famine sufferers, and to the Levant for refugees, who otherwise must have perished. The Transportation Agent has forwarded from the churches and societies forty-two large cases of goods, about two-thirds of them new, to Asia Minor and Syria. These were shipped in good cases, the lumber of which can be used on the field. A large part of these goods was carried through by

the Near East Relief without expense to the Church.

In addition we have shipped to Dr. Balph for the schools ten cases containing window frames, sashes, doors, etc. These were bought in this country so much cheaper than they were to be had elsewhere, that even after shipping charges are paid, a distinct saving will be effected.

With reference to the transfer of our mission properties in Suadea to the Synods of the Reformed Presbyterian Churches in Ireland and Scotland, your Board has offered them without financial consideration on this condition: If the Board of the Irish and Scotch Synods should at any time in the future abandon the station, the then existing properties shall be retransferred to us without financial consideration. Should this offer be accepted by the Synods across the water, our own Synod concurring, provision should be made by this Synod to authorize the legal transfer.

For Mission Study Classes this year we recommend the book entitled "Building with India," by Dr. Daniel J. Fleming; and a book for juniors by Miss Helen L. Rockey on the same country. Other books will be published by the Central Committee of the Women's Boards and by the Missionary Education Movement.

The Board regrets that Dr. A. A. Samson, who has removed to Los Angeles, and Dr. R. C. Montgomery, who has entered the communion of the General Synod, can no longer be associated with us. These brethren have been wise and faithful in their counsel. We request that Dr. T. M. Slater be elected to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Samson, and that Dr. S. E. Greer and Rev. Frank L. Stewart be added to the Board. The term of Dr. Walter McCarroll, Mr. Joseph M. Steele and Mr. William G. Carson has expired and their successors should be chosen.

The Board requests the sum of \$85,000 for next year, as being by most careful calculation, the least sum

necessary to carry forward the work in its present proportions, and to use the balance in hand and such as may be saved by the new financial plan proposed for China for advance work. Rev. Walter McCarroll, with Rev. R. A. Blair alternate, was appointed to represent the Board before the Co-

ordinating Committee.

The secretaries have been appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

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Corresponding Secretary.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

AND NOTES OF THE WORKERS

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Miss Jennie M. Dean, of the Lo Ting station in China, has engaged passage on the "Empress of Asia," sailing on July 13.

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Rev. Alvin W. Smith and Mr. Ernest V. Tweed, of the Cyprus mission force, are returning to America this summer, and will probably reach here about the first of August.

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A house has been secured at Nicosia, Cyprus, for the girls' school to be started this fall. It is described as "in a very suitable location, has a large garden, plenty of running water and is fitted with electric lights." About 60 girls can be accommodated, including 12 boarders. The house also has room for three resident teachers.

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Rev. and Mrs. William M. Robb returned to Lo Ting, April 3, from a three weeks' itinerating trip. Their son, Phil, went with his father and mother, while Grace chose to remain in school so that she would not get behind her classes. Both the children attend Chinese school one and a half hours each morning.

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Miss Pearl Weeks, who went to China as a missionary under another Board several years ago, and who united with our congregation at Tak Hing about three years since, has now

been appointed a missionary by our Foreign Board. Miss Weeks had, previously to her appointment, been doing very valuable work among the children, and her appointment was heartily recommended by the mission in China.

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TAK HING NEWS ITEMS

The boys' school now has an enrollment of 101 boys. Will you not pray for these boys and for the homes from which they come that their coming to our school may be the means of the entrance of the gospel of light into these homes?

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A fine new Edison mimeograph has been installed in the Mission, and is already doing good service. It is the gift of a friend in the homeland, and will be appreciated more and more as time goes on.

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Mrs. J. M. Wright visited in Tak Hing early in April. She has many friends among the Chinese and her visits among the members of the congregation were much appreciated.

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Miss Mary R. Adams writes:

"A twelve-day trip into the Ma Hui and San Kong Shue district found the population getting ready for the spring work of rice planting.

"Ma Hui is a very busy little market town. On three days out of every

ten people from a big stretch of territory come to that village; it is a good centre for witnessing for the gospel.

"The merchants are wide awake to the need of a girls' school in that place. One of the wealthy and influential business man came in to visit one morning and he said they realized the advantage of a girls' school but would like to get the Tak Hing official to put out a proclamation calling the people of that district to support a girls' school, and he said, then we will not have it just for one year but for several years. If there was a girls' school in that place there are many villages around who would send girls.

"There are women in those places who are eager to come to school but are hindered by the mother-in-law or the uncle, and if they come would lose their share in the crop each year and possibly if they would come for three or four years would lose their land, but they said, we will help to support the teacher if she will come to our village and teach us. We need just such women to come for a few years and then go back to that same village and teach and be supported by their own people."

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Miss Jean M. Barr says:

"The baby department in the Tak Hing Hospital is most interesting. There are now four babies—three girls and one boy. All are provided for by their own people with the exception of one little girl. She is a cast-away and as yet belongs to no one. The newest arrival, a tiny little girl less than a month old, has a basket of her own, the other three are in a 'cage' covered with screen wire.

"I happened in one afternoon just at feeding time; there they were, supremely happy with their bottles, and those who care for them told us with great pride that the tiny baby had gained the proper amount in a week, and now weighs six pounds."

And Mrs. Julius Kempf tells about Grandpa Chan:

"Many readers of OLIVE TREES will remember reading about Grandma and Grandpa Chan or 'The Brownie' as we sometimes call him.

"Grandma Chan died about seven years ago but the old man is still living, waiting for the summons.

"He has been a member of the church for over twelve years and until health failed him was always at Chapel on Sabbath. He lives across the river but he was always there.

"When Mrs. Wright was up visiting us at Tak Hing a couple of weeks ago among those she visited was Grandpa Chan. I, with some others, had the pleasure of going with her. He is most feeble, very hard of hearing and his sight is failing him. He was so pleased to see Mrs. Wright and as has always been his custom we weren't there long before he asked us to have a meeting. When asked what he would like us to sing he began to quote the 23d Psalm and the 100th Psalm. After singing he stood up and he himself with his feeble voice offered a prayer to God which truly had the spirit of thanksgiving. His voice is so far gone it was impossible for us to make out all he said but our Father in Heaven heard and understood. On the stand by his bed were the Psalm books and Testaments, which showed signs of wear.

"We all felt that we were standing in the presence of one who would soon be with our Father in Heaven."

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AN ITINERATING TRIP

There is need for more field evangelistic work in our field. Just after the Chinese New Year, when the people have more leisure than at any other time during the year, Koon Ying and I made a trip into the Uet Shing district, a section of our field in which very little work has been done.

From this district have come some patients to the hospital and also some students to the women's school. These

homes that had sent representatives to Tak Hing gave us a very warm welcome and we stayed two or three nights at each place. According to Chinese custom if you stay the second night in the home it is a proof that you enjoy their hospitality and like the people.

The Uet Shing field is a very thickly populated field and quite shut in from the outside world by mountain ridges. Some mountain ridges also dissect this territory, dividing into many fertile valleys. One travels by steamer down the West River from Tak Hing, about three hours, and then walks inland over the first mountain ridge about four hours to the first valley.

We stayed the first two nights with a young widow, who had been in school for about three months three years ago. Her household received us very heartily and impressed us as being honest, industrious and peace-loving citizens. The men have some education and the first afternoon we gathered in one of their temples and gave them a talk about the eight blessings that come to those who worship the true God. They were interested and asked for tracts, which were distributed. These men came back at different times and asked about the schools and the gospel. They made us think of the people of Berea who desired to search out this teaching. Some tracts and gospels were sent to them after we returned. If we can remember these searchers after the truth in our prayers every day and send them some tracts or magazines occasionally it will keep them interested and lead them to repentance and salvation.

The next place was at the home of a paralytic (Dr. McBurney has written about her several times) and later was in the women's school. We stayed with her three nights, being visited by many who had never seen a foreign devil. At one of the market towns where we visited one day the people followed us from one end of the

town to the other that they might know what this strange apparition was that was parading their streets. They first decided it was a devil in the form of a man, and later after seeing the hair and hearing her speak some said it is a foreign devil grandmother. The Chinese Bible woman was pressed with all sorts of questions until she was glad when it came time for such a nuisance as me to move on where the public curiosity would not be stirred up. I sometimes feel sorry for the Chinese women who go with us, for it makes it hard for them to explain all our customs and how they differ from their customs.

One village where we spent another night is among a very wealthy class who feared that we were coming to take some of the treasures from the mountains nearby or possibly plunder their homes. The head of the village is a woman who was left a widow years ago and has been a diligent worker and a good manager and has now become the owner of a good deal of this world's goods. She is not satisfied with her soul's welfare and a year or more ago went to the vegetarian school and learned to recite their rhymes and repeats them over every morning in her home but she is not yet satisfied. She says that the Jesus doctrine is better than what she is resting in, according to the hope that she has at death the earth mother will receive her soul and take it to heaven. We find that in many villages there are women who are sad and want comfort and they have joined this vegetarian cult and are trusting in this for peace and salvation.

A recent trip to the Ma Hui and San Kong Shue congregations find many of the Christians cold and indifferent. The preacher for the two congregations Chue Hon Shang tries to look after both and could very easily if he had good roads and an automobile but when he has to travel by foot it is not so easy to go from one chapel to another or to visit the scattered

members and keep in touch with them. The preacher is trying to get all the Christians to establish family worship in their homes. This would bring a blessing to the homes which many of them have not yet known. Men are Christians in the home and can read the Bible and if they gather their families around the altar morning and evening and sing, read the Bible and pray with them, many of the mothers would learn to believe and the children would be receiving instructions that would tell for their salvation.

Pray for the Christians that they will establish the family altar and also delight to keep the Sabbath holy.

MARY R. ADAMS.

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THE DRAGON MOTHER

In most all large cities and district cities in this province one will find a temple erected to the Dragon Mother. Some are very finely decorated and with finely furnished apartments, even to clothing and shoes for the return of the spirit of this Dragon Mother. At a city about thirty miles below Tak Hing is the centre of the Dragon Mother worship, for it was here that the Dragon Mother is supposed to have lived. This temple is unusually fine, and thousands visit it every year from all of South China to worship her idol which is claimed to have unusual power in blessing the worshiper. The dresses and gifts given to this idol are wonderful in elegance and quantity. Just outside of the temple is the grave of the Dragon Mother.

The story of the Dragon Mother may all be legend, but it is something like this. About three hundred years ago she was a little girl who watched cows every day, and as she sat watching them she made string from hemp. She soon found one place to which she liked to go most. This was on the bank of the broad West River, and at a place where another small river joined it. From this place she could look up the valley of the small river

and down the West River with its beautiful hills on either side. It is indeed a beautiful spot. It was while she was here at her work that she received her name. One day she found some snake eggs, which she took home. Soon two little snakes hatched out. These she cared for and took with her to her work. Because of her good care they soon grew large and always stayed with her. From her mothering of the snakes she received the name of Dragon Mother.

One day while she was here a very noted old "wind and water" man came along. It is the business of these men to find lucky places for graves, lucky days for marriages and any number of other things. Every community has one or more of such men. Their calculations are a mystery and cannot be explained, and alike only in small degrees. As this man came along he was struck at once by the wonderfulness of the place as related to his profession. Now according to him the spirit of blessing follow along water courses, and this place was particularly well situated to receive the blessings from all directions. As he was old he concluded that it was just the best place which he could find for his own grave. But he found the little girl with her snakes and cows already in possession, and she refused to give way to the persuasions of the old man. He was struck with her wit and triteness in answer, so concluded that she had received unusual blessings from being so much in this place. So this old man went to her house and told her people that she was so blessed and when she died they should bury her in that spot. He also requested that he be buried beside her.

At about twenty years of age this girl died, and so they say was buried there. Some time after a temple and idol were erected to her, and because of the word of this noted "wind and water" man they believe that she has accumulated a great store of blessings which the worship of her idol has

power to communicate to the worshipper.

You have heard of the Chinese worship of the Dragon. I do not know how much this is connected with it, but do know that different sections of China have their own legends and versions of such worship and perhaps this is the form of it in this section of China.

J. C. MITCHEL.

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LO TING NEWS ITEMS

Dr. Wallace and Miss Barr are greatly missed in the Lo Ting circle this year, Miss Barr having been appointed to the superintendency of the Women's School at Tak Hing, and Dr. Wallace to take over the work in the hospital while Dr. McBurney is home on furlough.

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Eighty-six pupils are registered in the Redpath Memorial School for Girls in Lo Ting this year. Two pupils who took part in an idol procession, which is contrary to the rules of the school, were not permitted to return to school this year.

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The magistrate of the Lo Ting District has issued a proclamation requesting people to be careful as to what they say about foreigners. This is the result of a protest made by the Roman Catholics on account of a poster being put up in the city libeling them. Hoh Taat Ch'oh, formerly a member of our church, but now of theirs, has been arrested, charged with being responsible for the poster.

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A party of Christian workers made a three weeks' itinerating trip into the Lo King valley recently, and met with good opportunities. It is estimated that some three or four thousand people heard the gospel. Many were found who said they had never heard it before. Several market towns and some thirty villages were touched. Books were sold and tracts distributed.

THE "SCISSORS" CAPTAIN

For some ten years representatives of the Covenanter Church have been in Lo Ting. At least twice each year the trip has been made up and down the river by some of our people, but very seldom do we have boat people whom we have known before. So this year was made memorable in that the same captain and crew were employed on four successive trips. The first trip up was in company with Miss Barr, who was to move her belongings to Tak Hing within a few days. The same captain and crew were engaged for the down trip and everything seemed to be going along smoothly. But one day when Dr. Wallace and Miss Barr were packing up the captain came to visit them. When he left, Dr. Wallace's scissors were not to be found, though they had been on her table while her visitor was present. What were we to do? All felt that so long as he was under suspicion that he could not be employed to take Miss Barr down the river. We knew not how to proceed, but were confident that the Lord could manage it all for His glory, so turned it all over to Him. We also spoke to the Chinese Christians about it, and the native preacher said he would speak to the man about the matter, which he did. The Captain at first denied any knowledge of the affair. The matter was further pressed until a full confession was made, and the scissors returned. The suggestion was then made that he should apologize and beg the pardon of the owner of the scissors, which he did. He told Dr. Wallace that he had seen the scissors there and took them to patch his trousers—a need that was very apparent. "Yes," she kindly said, "but you should have asked me first." "O but I was afraid you would say 'no,'" was his honest reply. The Heavenly Father's forgiveness was then asked, the matter settled, and the next day the boat left with Miss Barr on board. It has been our earnest prayer that this incident

would lead to the man's salvation, worked out in God's own way.

It is over a month now since this incident occurred. Only a few days ago some of us were in the vicinity of this man's home. When he learned of our presence he came and asked the men of our party to go to his home to speak. He was asked some questions concerning the doctrine and answered readily. The day later he came to a home where the gospel story was being told and insisted upon the ladies of the party going to his home also, he himself leading the way. His wife, mother and sister-in-law were very eager listeners, and were very willing to learn to pray. His aged grandmother, 80 years old, courteously listened, to the story of salvation did not seem to pierce her heart. We are praying the "scissors" Captain and his house may turn wholly to the Lord.

Had his sin remained unconfessed perhaps he never again would have come in contact with the gospel or have had respect for the same. Let us not forget him in our prayers, for this is one way in which we can help to bring him to Christ, the Captain of our Salvation.

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A SYRIAN LETTER FROM DR. A. J. McFARLAND.

Dated April 26.

The Latakia Circle has been much reduced by the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Smith and the Misses Archer and Cunningham for the language school near Beirut. They report they are comfortably settled there and are all busy with the new language. Dr. and Mrs. Smith by taking some lessons during the Easter vacation were able to catch up with the class they would have entered had they gone last fall, which speaks well for their faithfulness in their study here with a private teacher, as also for the efficiency and faithfulness of the teacher who is a product of our own schools, Suadea, Latakia and Larnaca.

Practically all the refugees from Cilicia who came to Latakia have been absorbed into the population of the city and surrounding country villages or have gone to friends in other places, so we have no pressing relief problem here at present.

At the Missionary Conference in Beirut the first week of April the reports from all the missions of Syria were encouraging for the most part. There has been an unusual number of accessions to the native churches generally but a falling off in attendance at mission schools, owing to the opening of other schools under patronage of the government. Mission finances nearly everywhere are in a straitened condition, owing to increased expenses here and a falling off in contributions at home. Our delegate, Mr. McFarland, enjoyed the generous hospitality of the college (now American University) through the kindness of the acting president, Mr. Nicolay, not only during the days of the convention but until he was able to get a steamer on which to return home. All our representatives at the language school were in for the conference and entertained by mission friends in the city.

Our schools have entered on the last term of the year with good attendance and with the health of the teachers and pupils such as to cause us much gratitude to the Great Physician, our Head Master. All but two of the boy boarders got home for the two weeks' vacation. Nine of them walked all the way both going and coming—a nine hours' walk each way, as they could not afford the price of animals. They are all from the twice exiled people of Gunimea, who returned to their desolate village last fall.

When the great reconciler, death, has come we never repent of having been tender, but of having been severe. Let us strew our smiles and flowers here and now, and we will have less to regret!

WOMEN'S SYNODICAL DEPARTMENT

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Synodical Memory Verse.

July—"I delight to do Thy will, O my God."—Ps. 40: 18.

Foreign Auxiliary Members.

We are happy to welcome Miss Nelle Brownlee as a Foreign Auxiliary member. Her interest is shown by the following quotation from her letter written from her father's home at Las Cruces, New Mexico: "Your letter of the latter date, April 15, came to hand and I wish to thank you for the favor conferred upon me in offering to receive me as an associate member of the Women's Missionary Society. I further thank you for the copies of the "Constitution and By-Laws," "Standard of Efficiency" and "Uniform Program" for the Women's Missionary Societies and I shall not cease to pray that we may each receive strength through this union."

MARY E. SHANKS,
Ch. Com.

Minutes of Synod in Every Home.

May 18, 1992. Synod voted in favor of our request to have space in the Minutes of Synod for a statistical report of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society. Every W. M. S. will deeply appreciate this as a mark of confidence that the missionary societies of the Covenant Church have something worth while to report. Perhaps the first year the reports may not be as full as we would like. Some societies are not reporting on time will necessarily have to be left out, but by another year we hope that every society in the church will be reported fully and *on time*.

The statistical table will also include the Synodical Directory.

We urge every member of missionary societies to purchase the Minutes of Synod this year, read it and keep it for reference. This will help you to plan and to work for a fuller report in 1923.

Yours in appreciation of the cooperation in our Synodical plans from the organization until now.

MYRTA MAY DODDS.

Olathe W. M. S. Reception to the Women at Synod.

Preceding the delightful reception given by the women of the Olathe Congregation to the women attending Synod a prayer conference was held. Special prayer was made for the new work undertaken by the Women's Synodical Missionary Society, the opening of the School for Girls in Cyprus, as well as other mutual interests in Christ's work.

Immediately following this was the reception. Mrs. Wilson gave a short address of welcome. This was responded to by Mrs. Marvin, of the Pacific Coast Presbyterial; Mrs. G. M. Robb, Illinois; Mrs. E. C. Mitchell, Kansas; Mrs. James Carson, Colorado; Mrs. W. J. Coleman, Pittsburgh; Mrs. R. C. Wylie, the Synodical, and Mrs. Prof. Bottoms, the Southern Mission. Each speaker manifested a deep interest in the women's missionary work of the church.

There was one representative from Philadelphia Presbyterial and one from Iowa.

After the program a very pleasant social half hour was spent. The

women from north, south, east and west left this meeting feeling the time had been profitably spent and will long gratefully remember the women of Olathe Congregation.

Women's Presbyterial of Southern California.

The second annual meeting of the Women's Presbyterial of Southern California was held with the good people of Santa Ana on Thursday, May 4, 1922. The church was beautifully decorated with roses and ferns and we received a royal welcome to both their hearts and their homes. The program was fully carried out, giving us a very interesting and profitable day. The papers were all well written, clear and concise and represented to us the great need of the world, the call of the perishing and God's command to "Go."

In the closing address Dr. Robb gave a forceful talk on the country to which his heart still belongs and where his interests still lie. It is the day of opportunity to let the people know the truth and the missionary has won his way into the lives and hearts of the Chinese.

Each society sent in a good report of the year's work, all using the Uniform Program. It was recommended that each society adopt the Standard of Efficiency.

We have three Junior Societies with a membership of 33.

We feel that we get much good from these meetings and that in our working together, planning together and talking together we get an inspiration for better work. Officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. A. A. Samson, Los Angeles; Vice President, Mrs. Grace Last, Hemet; Recording Secretary, Mrs. John Keys, Hemet; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. B. M. Thompson, Santa Ana; Treasurer, Mrs. T. L. Faris, Santa

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In His Service,
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Report of the Synodical Superintendent for Home Missions.

To the Executive Committee of the Women's Synodical.

Greetings:

Owing to the financial depression of the past year we thought it not wise to put any new work before the societies or presbyterials but rather our efforts have been directed toward a revival of interests in and concern for the work of the congregation and also community that each society is held responsible for.

To the furtherance of this end letters were written to the different Presbyterials directing a "Talent Search" for each society and the following committees were suggested: Courtesy, Visiting, Sewing, Relief, Social and Pastor's Aid—assisting in Sabbath School work and Junior work.

Requests for suggestions for new work was put before the Presbyterials. "A Manse for Every Minister" and "A Home for Returned Missionaries" was suggested. So far no suggestions have been received for new work but I am glad to report great activities along the lines suggested. Some societies have sent in wonderful reports for the past year showing that each member must have been helping to her utmost and we trust a like zeal and enthusiasm will reach all our societies during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
LILLY J. MCKNIGHT.

JUNIOR EXCHANGE

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MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

PART 2.

The Mission of the Covenant.

- Question 1. What people does this mission seek to reach?
 Answer. The Jews.
- Q. 2. Where is it located?
 Ans. 800 South Fifth street, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Q. 3. When was the work begun?
 Ans. In 1894.
- Q. 4. Through whose efforts?
 Ans. Dr. David Metheny.
- Q. 5. Who was the first missionary?
 Ans. Rev. Moses Greenburg.
- Q. 6. Who are the present workers?
 Ans. Miss Annie Forsyth and Miss Emma McFarland.
- Q. 7. How is the work carried on?
 Ans. Through a Sabbath School, various classes for the children and women—social and industrial—reading room, visitation in the homes, instruction in English, and through co-operation with other agencies, vacations for the children.
- Q. 8. What are some of the difficulties?
 Ans. 1. The work is among a foreign people, even though they live in America.
 2. They have been taught from infancy to hate the names Jesus and Christian.
 3. Their speech, customs and manner of thought are foreign and not easily to be learned.
 4. Those who accept the Christian faith are most severely persecuted and counted as dead, often, to their family and friends.

Q. 9. What have been some of the results of our Mission there?

Ans. 1. It witnesses to hundreds that the Messiah has come through the Yiddish and Hebrew signs—"For God so loved the world that He *sent* His Son," etc.

2. They receive, too, the invitation in the same way to "Come unto me," etc.

3. The whole neighborhood knows that it stands both for the teaching of the Bible and friendly help of all sorts. It is a community centre.

4. It has influenced numberless individuals and families, many of whom have moved into more desirable neighborhoods, has taught children the Word of God, as they memorized the Scripture texts; has let sunshine into the often dreary lives of the women, and has shown them that the term "Christian" stands—not for persecution and hatred as in some places in Europe—but for friendship, help, good-will and love.

Q. 10. Is the work worth while.

Ans. Yes, for we have assurance that God has not cast away His people, but that there is a "remnant according to the election of grace" (Rom. 11: 5) and these will be saved. Let us do our part and inherit the promise. Ps. 122: 6.

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You are here to make the world richer. Failing to do it you impoverish yourself.

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Forgiveness is the only way out of man's debt to God.

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